

TODAY'S MARKETS

POULTRY MARKET IS ABOUT TO DROP

Receipts Show Heavy Increase
of Late and Dealers Won't
Pay the Price.

EGGS SHOW A DULL AND DRAGGING TENDENCY

Small Oranges Rather Scarce— Good Demand in Apples— Potatoes Fair.

Front Street, April 26.—The principal features of the Portland wholesale markets today are: Poultry market is down. Eggs are dull and dragging. Butter not quite so weak. Fresh fruits are still heavy. Potatoes have advanced 1c. Small oranges are rather scarce. Good demand rules in apples. Wool market was never firmer. Some demand for chittin bark. Salmon receipts still heavy. Halibut is down 1c. Strawberries coming rather slow. Can oranges and carrots weak. Potato market is failing fast.

Poultry Market is Down Lower.

To every one interested in the poultry business it has now become apparent that the market will soon show a reduction in price. Receipts all through the market of late have shown quite a material increase. The market has not taken hold of the market in the past few weeks and this in itself has caused a weaker feeling. A short time ago it was impossible for the dealers to secure enough of poultry even at the prevailing prices. This is still true in the market. Almost every dealer went down on his hands and knees and begged to shippers to send him some supplies of poultry—but to no avail. The country trade wanted higher prices and did not care to ship. The market has not been at some time, but the trade soon gets tired of paying an exorbitant figure for supplies and the demand begins to fail off. This exactly explains the present situation. The market may be dull, but a slight drop here could be seen quite heavy stocks of poultry piled up. Dealers came to see, but would not buy—at present quotations, at least.

The egg market is showing heavier arrivals and the price of market is down weak with quotations ranging from 17c to 18c per dozen.

Butter is Not Quite So Weak.

Although on the outside there is not much encouragement in the butter situation, the undemand of the market is better. Receipts are still quite heavy, but dealers are unwilling to make any change in quotations. Oil dealers are also slow. The market has not been raised by the dealers here. The demand for country store butter is quite heavy. Receipts are heavy. No change in values. The cheese market is showing no change. The receipts both are practically the same as during the past week.

Package Oats Are Higher.

Local packages are generally 2c per case higher, the new price to take effect tomorrow morning. The advanced quotation is \$3.60 per case.

Pearl barley is showing a stronger tone, with white and yellow 4c higher. Pearl barley is now quoted at 4c.

Small Orange Are Scarce.

There is a general scarcity of small oranges in this market. The principal demand is for 100c, 175c, 200c, 215c, 230c and 250c. Large sizes are plentiful with prices not very high. A car of oranges arrived this morning.

There is an extra good demand for apples at this time and the best stocks are in good condition 2c per box.

A car of dried vegetables arrived this morning.

The potato market is in fair shape with no changes in prices. Best Colorado stocks continue to sell along with the local varieties.

The market is firm but business and prices are nominal.

Bacon Demanded for Chittin Bark.

There is now a fair demand for chittin bark. Some very small shipments have been received. The demand at this time is only a speculative one and dealers are not too anxious to buy as they did during the previous year.

The average price now being offered is 4c per pound.

Salmon Receipts Remain Heavy.

The receipts of salmon in this market continue very heavy but the demand is good at former prices. The receipts from the Willamette River, especially from the Willamette, are lower today. Columbia river shad are very heavy supply. Prices unchanged.

Today's wholesale quotations, as revised, are as follows:

Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—Normal; red and red, 5c; blue, 5c; valley, 6c.

BARLEY—Feed, \$23.50; rolled, \$24.00; brew, 1c.

CORN—Whole, \$24.50; cracked, \$25.00 per ton.

RYE—\$1.00 per cwt.

OATS—White, 22c; gray, 2c.

CAULIFLOWER—Oregon, Patents, \$4.00; straight, \$4.75; exports, \$5.50-\$5.75; valley, \$4.10; graham, 1c; \$4.00; 10c; 44c; rye, 4c.

MILK—Butter, \$2.75; cream, \$1.00 per pound.

HAM—Timothy, Willimette valley, fancy, \$1.00 per lb.; eastern Oregon, 75c; mixed, \$1.20 per lb.; clover, \$1.10; grain, \$1.00; chest, \$1.00.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER—Sweet, 18c; salt, 18c.

EGG—No. 1, white, 22c; gray, 2c.

CAULIFLOWER—Oregon, Patents, \$4.00; straight, \$4.75; exports, \$5.50-\$5.75; valley, \$4.10; graham, 1c; \$4.00; 10c; 44c; rye, 4c.

CHICKEN—Hens, \$2.75; young, 75c; old, 1c.

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